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1. The East German shipbuilding industry is currently suffering from shortages of cut deciduous lumber. VEB Volkswerft Stralsund had a total supply of only 22 cubic meters of this lumber on hand as of July 1955. Rumania is supposed to deliver 1,000 cubic meters of lumber, but, as of early July 1955, promise of delivery had not yet been obtained from the Rumanian Trade Delegation. Moreover, it is not certain that the air-dried wood from Rumania will be suitable for shipbuilding purposes.

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